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## NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND PLEADINGS BY ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

On April 19, 2002, Panda Gila River, L.P. ("Panda") filed a Motion to Compel the production by Arizona Public Service Company ("APS" or "Company") of certain confidential and competitively sensitive documents which Panda alleged were directly related to certain portions of the Company's as-of-yet unpresented direct testimony or to

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the variance request itself. In Panda's Motion, it requested either those documents or that certain portions of the Company's Application and testimony be stricken.

At the request of the Chief Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"), and with the assistance of Staff counsel, APS presented a compromise proposal to Panda to resolve this dispute. Before Panda had an opportunity to respond to the Company's proposal, the Commission acted to stay the Company's variance request on April 25, 2002.

APS takes the strongest exception to the notion that it cannot defend its request for a variance as being in the public interest without forfeiting the ability to keep confidential trade secrets from its competitors. This information, if disclosed to Panda and the other merchant plant intervenors, would give them an advantage in any competitive bidding process – an advantage that would be translated into higher costs for APS customers. Indeed, the value of such information in a competitive bidding scenario was cited by the merchant plant intervenors in their objection to providing similar-type information to the Company in response to APS data requests. But, the Commission's action of April 25 has effectively mooted the underlying basis for Panda's data requests and the purpose for which the Company filed the testimony objected to by Panda. APS therefore withdraws those portions of its pre-filed direct testimony and of its request for variance as are identified on Exhibit E to the Motion.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of May 2002.

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